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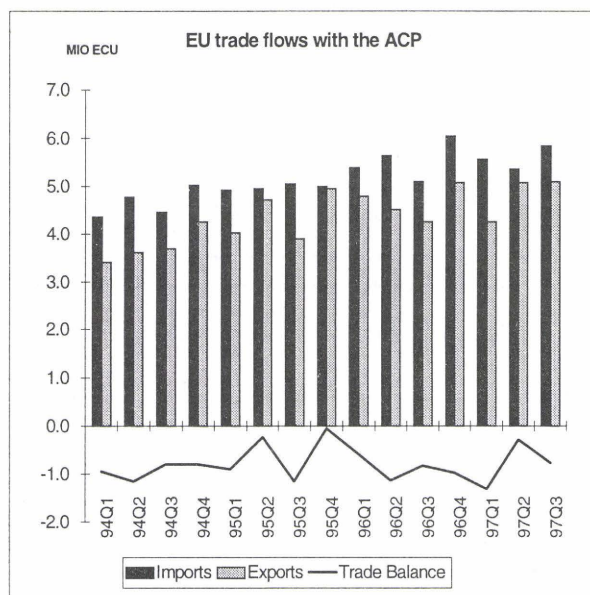
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EUROPEAN UNION TRADE WITH AFRICAN, CARIBBEAN AND PACIFIC COUNTRIES - Results to September 1997 -

Summary



The trade balance of the European Union with the African, Caribbean and Pacific Countries (ACP) showed a deficit of -3.5 Bn ECU ⁽¹⁾ during 1996. Imports grew more than exports between 1995 and 1996 thus reducing the cover ratio in value, as well as trade balance by 1.2 Bn ECU. The shares of the ACP were 3.8% of the total extra-EU imports and 3% of total exports.

EU imports from ACP registered 22.1 Bn ECU in 1996. The main imports were Agricultural products (7.4 Bn ECU) and Mineral products including Fuel (6.4 Bn ECU). Exports to the ACP countries reached 18.6 Bn ECU in 1996. They were highly concentrated in Machinery, Mechanical Appliances and Transport Equipment with 8.5 Bn ECU.

The main trading region within the ACP was West Africa: imports 10.2 Bn ECU and exports 7.9 Bn ECU. Specifically, Nigeria which covered 22.7% in imports and 12.7% in exports in 1996.

⁽¹⁾ Bn = 1 000 million.

TABLE 1: EU trade balance vis-à-vis the ACP and other developing countries (MIO ECU) ⁽¹⁾

	TOTAL TRADE				NON-OIL-TRADE			
	1995 I - IV	1996 I - IV	1996 I - III	1997 I - III	1995 I - IV	1996 I - IV	1996 I - III	1997 I - III
EU imports from the ACP	19 893.2	22 158.7	16 102.4	16 759.7	15 805.2	16 507.5	12 452.6	13 233.2
EU exports to the ACP	17 573.3	18 624.7	13 546.7	14 424.5	17 060.3	18 037.8	13 102.3	13 963.5
EU trade balance with the ACP	-2 319.9	-3 534.0	-2 555.7	-2 335.2	1 255.1	1 530.3	649.8	730.3
Export / import ratio (%)	88.3	84.1	84.1	86.1	107.9	109.3	105.2	105.5
EU imports from Other dev. c. ⁽²⁾	148 591.0	163 727.7	121 533.6	139 267.6	119 131.3	128 953.6	96 831.3	112 245.5
EU exports to the Other dev. c.	169 281.5	180 099.0	128 837.9	141 535.7	166 542.3	177 018.8	126 545.8	139 226.0
EU trade bal. with Other dev. c.	20 690.4	16 371.3	7 304.3	2 268.1	47 411.1	48 065.3	29 714.5	26 980.6
Export / import ratio (%)	113.9	110.0	106.0	101.6	139.8	137.3	130.7	124.0

⁽¹⁾ Source: Comext (Imports CIF, Exports FOB).

⁽²⁾ "Other developing countries" includes all the world less the following: OECD, NICs of ASIA, NIS, CEEC and the ACP countries.



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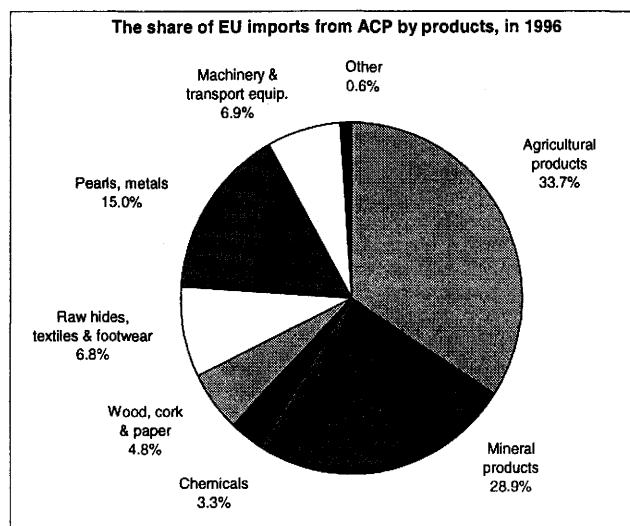
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I. EU IMPORTS FROM THE APC AND OTHER DEVELOPING COUNTRIES

During 1996, EU imports from the ACP countries reached 22.1 Bn ECU (first nine months 1997: 16.7 Bn ECU). They increased outstandingly by 11.4%



compared to 1995, almost twice as much as the increase of extra-EU imports (+6.6%). However, the share remained at 3.8% of the total extra-EU imports. Agricultural products were the most imported goods by the EU from the ACP covering a share of 33.7% recording 7.4 Bn ECU in 1996 (three quarters 1997: 5.7 Bn ECU). Imports of Mineral products followed with 6.4 Bn ECU in 1996, standing for 28.9% (three quarters 1997: 4.1 Bn ECU). Mineral products also registered a sharp increase of 34% between 1995 and 1996.

The most impressive growth rate was shown by Machinery and transport (+40.0%) which recorded 1.5 Bn ECU. On the other hand, the largest falls were recorded by Wood, cork and paper (-18.4%) and Chemicals (-12.3%) between 1995 and 1996.

EU imports from other developing countries showed an increase of 10.2% (163.7 Bn ECU) over the same period. Mineral products were mostly imported with 38.7 Bn ECU (23.7%). Raw hides, textiles and footwear followed with 19.6%.

TABLE 2: EU imports from the ACP and other developing countries

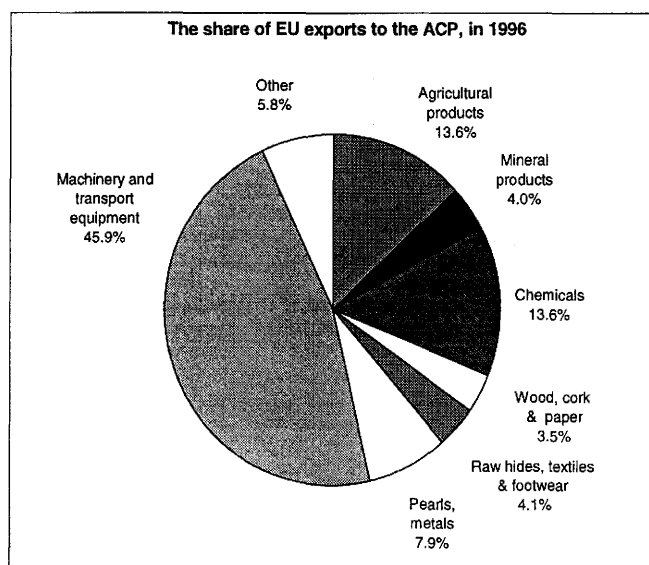
TRADE BY PRODUCTS (CN) ⁽¹⁾	1995 I - IV	1996 I - IV	1996 I - III	1997 I - III	96 / 95 I - IV	97 / 96 I - III
	MIO ECU				%var	
ACP						
Agricultural products (1-24)	7 066.6	7 422.0	5 594.9	5 735.4	5.0	2.5
Mineral products (25-27)	4 770.1	6 391.4	4 221.8	4 114.9	34.0	-2.5
Chemicals (28-40)	820.8	720.0	548.8	596.9	-12.3	8.8
Wood, cork and paper (44-49)	1 289.6	1 052.2	815.5	893.7	-18.4	9.6
Raw hides, textiles and footwear (41-43) + (50-67)	1 373.4	1 496.3	1 136.9	1 394.5	8.9	22.7
Pearls, metals (71-83)	3 326.2	3 296.8	2 426.2	2 662.6	-0.9	9.7
Machinery and transport equipment (84-89)	1 084.7	1 518.5	1 157.6	1 168.4	40.0	0.9
Other (68-70) + (90-99)	135.1	149.4	116.8	102.9	10.5	-12.0
TOTAL (00-99) ⁽²⁾	19 893.2	22 158.7	16 102.4	16 759.7	11.4	4.1
OTHER DEVELOPING COUNTRIES						
Agricultural products (1-24)	24 341.5	25 846.4	19 801.5	20 814.3	6.2	5.1
Mineral products (25-27)	33 237.5	38 738.9	27 683.0	30 557.3	16.6	10.4
Chemicals (28-40)	8 870.1	9 461.1	7 096.3	8 193.0	6.7	15.5
Wood, cork and paper (44-49)	4 315.7	3 767.4	2 819.5	3 293.6	-12.7	16.8
Raw hides, textiles, footwear (41-43) + (50-67)	29 724.9	32 099.4	24 496.1	28 318.2	8.0	15.6
Pearls, metals (71-83)	13 897.8	14 543.1	11 149.5	11 964.5	4.6	7.3
Machinery, transport equipment (84-89)	23 653.7	26 836.4	19 636.8	23 362.8	13.5	19.0
Other (68-70) + (90-99)	9 295.5	10 651.5	7 650.9	9 477.8	14.6	23.9
TOTAL (00-99) ⁽²⁾	148 591.0	163 727.7	121 533.6	139 267.6	10.2	14.6
MEMORANDUM ITEM						
Extra-EU	545 252.7	581 455.0	429 020.4	491 273.2	6.6	14.5
ACP / Extra-EU (in %)	3.6	3.8	3.8	3.4		
ACP / Other developing countries (in %)	13.4	13.5	13.2	12.0		
Other developing countries / Extra-EU (in %)	27.3	28.2	28.3	28.3		

⁽¹⁾ Combined Nomenclature.

⁽²⁾ TOTAL includes confidential transactions which do not appear in the individual product groups. Therefore, the sum of the individual product groups do not fully correspond the total (00-99).

II. EU EXPORTS TO THE APC AND OTHER DEVELOPING COUNTRIES

The overall growth rate of EU exports to the ACP increased by 6.0% between 1995 and 1996 reaching



a value of 18.6 Bn ECU (nine months 1997: 14.4 Bn ECU). Extra-EU exports showed a growth of 9.0% between 1995 and 1996. The shares of the ACP in the total extra-EU exports remained at 3%. In 1996, EU exports to the ACP were heavily concentrated in Machinery, Mechanical Appliances and Transport Equipment covering a share of 45.9%. They registered a value in exports of 8.5 Bn ECU, showing an increase of 3.0% above the average (three quarters 1997: 6.1 Bn ECU). Chemicals and Agricultural products followed with more than 2.5 Bn ECU each, covering more than 13% of EU exports to the region. The most important growth rates between 1995 and 1996 were registered by Mineral products (+16.9%) and Wood, cork and paper (+13.0).

EU exports to other developing countries registered 180.0 Bn ECU in 1996. More than half of EU sales were concentrated in Machinery, Mechanical Appliances and Transport Equipment (86.2 Bn ECU).

TABLE 3: EU exports to the ACP and other developing countries

TRADE BY PRODUCTS (CN) ⁽¹⁾	1995 I - IV	1996 I - IV	1996 I - III	1997 I - III	96 / 95 I - IV	97 / 96 I - III
	MIO ECU				% - var	
ACP						
Agricultural products (1-24)	2 383.2	2 529.1	1 757.1	2 063.6	6.1	17.4
Mineral products (25-27)	642.4	751.2	564.6	575.5	16.9	1.9
Chemicals (28-40)	2 369.2	2 535.5	1 891.1	2 117.1	7.0	12.0
Wood, cork and paper (44-49)	576.8	651.9	486.3	485.4	13.0	- 0.2
Raw hides, textiles and footwear (41-43) + (50-67)	740.4	772.2	546.8	636.5	4.3	16.4
Pearls, metals (71-83)	1 407.5	1 475.8	1 041.4	1 297.4	4.9	24.6
Machinery and transport equipment (84-89)	8 299.2	8 548.5	6 302.5	6 140.8	3.0	- 2.6
Other (68-70) + (90-99)	988.2	1 076.2	748.8	871.3	8.9	16.4
TOTAL (00-99) ⁽²⁾	17 573.3	18 624.7	13 546.7	14 424.5	6.0	6.5
OTHER DEVELOPING COUNTRIES						
Agricultural products (1-24)	14 003.9	13 152.9	9 135.1	9 592.3	- 6.1	5.0
Mineral products (25-27)	3 385.6	3 834.6	2 851.8	2 868.2	13.3	0.6
Chemicals (28-40)	21 767.1	23 513.6	17 478.4	19 149.8	8.0	9.6
Wood, cork and paper (44-49)	5 585.4	5 603.9	4 135.1	4 403.7	0.3	6.5
Raw hides, textiles and footwear (41-43) + (50-67)	8 499.4	8 940.2	6 506.6	6 701.3	5.2	3.0
Pearls, metals (71-83)	18 615.1	19 664.2	14 340.2	16 272.6	5.6	13.5
Machinery and transport equipment (84-89)	83 221.3	86 151.5	60 873.1	65 896.5	3.5	8.3
Other (68-70) + (90-99)	11 281.8	12 430.2	8 883.7	9 633.7	10.2	8.4
TOTAL (00-99) ⁽²⁾	169 281.5	180 099.0	128 837.9	141 535.7	6.4	9.9
MEMORANDUM ITEM						
Extra-EU	573 277.3	625 093.9	452 829.8	523 620.7	9.0	15.6
ACP / Extra-EU (in %)	3.1	3.0	3.0	2.8		
ACP / Other developing countries (in %)	10.4	10.3	10.5	10.2		
Other developing countries / Extra-EU (in %)	29.5	28.8	28.5	27.0		

⁽¹⁾ Combined Nomenclature.

⁽²⁾ TOTAL includes confidential transactions which do not appear in the individual product groups. Therefore, the sum of the individual product groups do not fully correspond the total (00-99).

III. EU-ACP TRADE BY PARTNER COUNTRIES

EU trade with the different regions of the ACP countries showed that West Africa continued to be the EU's most important trading partner among the ACP regions. The EU imported from this region 10.2 Bn ECU and exported 7.9 Bn ECU to these countries. EU's flows to Central Africa followed with 3.9 Bn ECU in imports and 3.0 Bn ECU in exports. Next in line came Southern Africa with 3.6 Bn ECU in imports and 2.6 Bn ECU in exports. Smaller flows took place with the Eastern and Northern African and Central and South American countries, but the smallest flows were with Australasia and Oceania region.

Nigeria continued being the most important ACP partner in 1996 and the first nine months of 1997. It recorded 5.0 Bn ECU in imports covering 22.7% of all EU imports from the ACP and 2.4 Bn ECU in exports with a share of 12.7% of the total EU exports to the ACP countries. The Ivory Coast came next with a purchase of 9.4% registering 2.1 Bn ECU, and a sale of around 6.3% (1.2 Bn ECU). Cameroon was the third on the EU import side with a value of 1.2 Bn ECU and Mauritius followed close behind with 1.1 Bn ECU, each with shares of around 5% of all ACP imports. On the export side, Gabon and Congo were important outlets for the EU with values of around 0.97 Bn ECU each.

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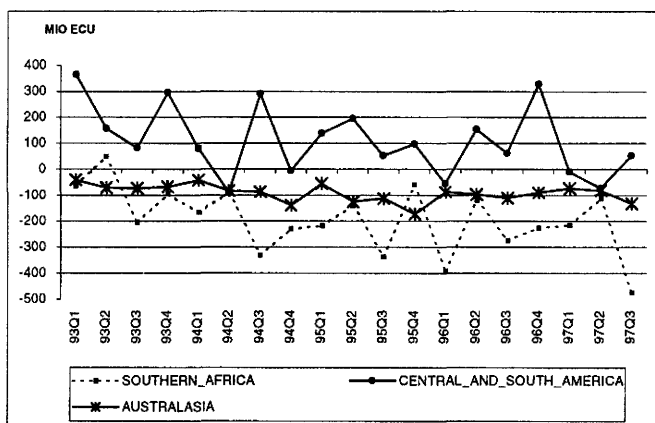
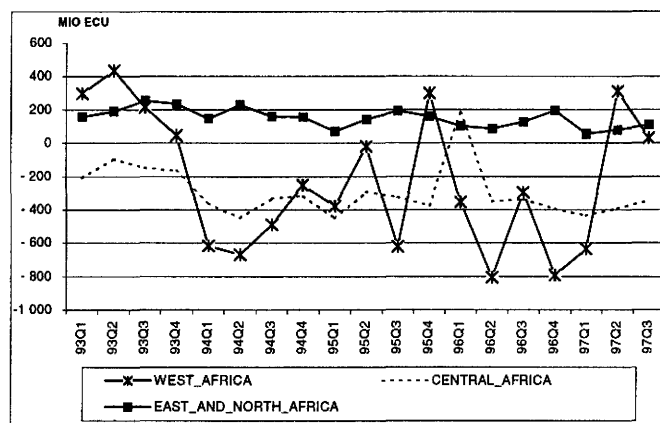


TABLE 4: EU-ACP trade by partner countries (MIO ECU)

CODES ⁽¹⁾	ACP PARTNER COUNTRIES	1995 I - IV			1996 I - IV			1997 I - III		
		IMPORT	EXPORT	BALANCE	IMPORT	EXPORT	BALANCE	IMPORT	EXPORT	BALANCE
	AFRICA ⁽²⁾	17 704.6	15 362.8	-2 341.9	19 845.6	16 202.9	-3 642.8	14 708.5	12 687.2	-2 021.4
	WEST AFRICA	8 599.5	7 879.4	- 720.0	10 150.3	7 902.8	-2 247.5	6 837.5	6 543.9	- 293.6
284	Benin	58.0	270.6	212.6	67.4	301.0	233.6	58.2	274.0	215.8
236	Burkina Faso	52.4	169.5	117.1	40.7	193.6	152.9	52.8	147.2	94.3
247	Cape Verde	7.4	146.0	138.6	11.1	158.0	146.8	10.7	129.3	118.6
244	Chad	80.0	71.7	- 8.3	68.6	86.8	18.3	60.7	46.9	- 13.8
272	Ivory Coast	2 067.8	1 186.9	- 881.0	2 099.1	1 182.7	- 916.4	1 460.2	905.7	- 554.5
252	Gambia	103.4	69.3	- 34.2	115.2	81.1	- 34.1	98.6	72.1	- 26.5
276	Ghana	839.2	744.3	- 94.9	881.2	973.0	91.8	696.0	812.8	116.7
260	Guinea	310.3	270.4	- 39.9	351.4	281.8	- 69.6	282.4	226.2	- 56.3
257	Guinea Bissau	15.7	44.5	28.8	24.2	42.9	18.7	8.3	36.1	27.9
268	Liberia	637.4	1 240.2	602.8	578.0	454.3	- 123.7	350.6	476.0	125.5
232	Mali	66.7	234.2	167.5	99.9	273.8	173.9	84.7	216.7	132.0
228	Mauritania	257.2	233.1	- 24.1	264.6	266.8	2.2	234.4	193.0	- 41.4
240	Niger	120.9	119.3	- 1.5	10.5	121.7	111.2	13.9	102.9	89.0
288	Nigeria	3 442.7	2 053.6	-1 389.0	5 031.5	2 372.2	-2 659.3	2 975.2	2 016.3	- 959.0
248	Senegal	369.7	715.1	345.3	337.4	793.9	456.5	274.6	631.6	357.0
264	Sierra Leone	94.4	80.5	- 13.9	104.8	106.9	2.1	122.1	76.9	- 45.2
280	Togo	76.3	230.3	154.1	64.6	212.1	147.6	54.0	180.3	126.2

⁽¹⁾ Geonomenclature EUROSTAT.

⁽²⁾ African ACP.

TABLE 4: EU-ACP trade by partner countries (MIO ECU)

ACP		1995 I - IV			1996 I - IV			1997 I - III		
CODES	PARTNER COUNTRIES	IMPORT	EXPORT	BALANCE	IMPORT	EXPORT	BALANCE	IMPORT	EXPORT	BALANCE
	CENTRAL AFRICA	3 679.2	2 238.3	-1 440.9	3 937.1	3 043.2	- 893.9	3 130.9	1 959.2	-1 171.7
302	Cameroon	1 174.8	564.2	- 610.6	1 202.8	638.2	- 564.7	1 186.3	523.5	- 662.8
306	Central African Rep.	112.8	64.4	- 48.4	108.9	53.1	- 55.8	91.2	37.6	- 53.7
318	Congo	718.0	478.0	- 240.0	889.6	923.4	33.8	554.3	336.9	- 217.4
310	Equatorial Guinea	29.1	29.8	.7	28.7	60.8	32.0	32.8	57.6	24.8
314	Gabon	798.7	719.5	- 79.2	850.9	971.4	120.5	698.3	774.3	76.0
311	Sao Tome and Principe	3.8	24.1	20.3	5.6	22.6	17.0	4.6	13.6	9.0
322	Zaire	842.0	358.3	- 483.7	850.5	373.8	- 476.7	563.5	215.8	- 347.7
	EAST AND NORTH AFRICA	2 034.1	2 602.1	568.1	2 091.2	2 599.2	508.0	1 788.9	2 032.7	243.8
328	Burundi	144.5	78.0	- 66.5	59.1	52.9	- 6.2	33.2	28.6	- 4.6
338	Djibouti	49.8	131.8	81.9	20.3	112.6	92.2	30.1	119.7	89.6
334	Ethiopia	229.7	468.5	238.9	250.3	449.5	199.3	188.2	327.4	139.2
336	Eritrea	1.6	63.5	62.0	19.0	82.3	63.3	25.2	81.5	56.3
346	Kenya	646.7	857.4	210.7	744.6	875.4	130.8	614.2	669.4	55.3
324	Rwanda	30.7	54.3	23.5	45.0	66.2	21.3	40.9	59.8	18.9
342	Somalia	18.7	20.1	1.4	18.7	15.1	- 3.6	15.8	11.9	- 3.9
224	Sudan	172.1	280.0	107.9	170.3	292.2	121.9	177.7	249.6	71.9
352	Tanzania	202.3	317.5	115.3	208.3	306.8	98.5	183.6	246.9	63.4
350	Uganda	356.3	182.5	- 173.8	375.7	175.1	- 200.6	282.6	133.8	- 148.8
378	Zambia	181.6	148.5	- 33.2	179.8	171.0	- 8.8	197.6	104.2	- 93.3
	SOUTHERN AFRICA	3 391.9	2 642.9	- 749.0	3 667.1	2 657.7	-1 009.4	2 951.2	2 151.3	- 799.9
330	Angola	561.4	799.6	238.1	666.2	776.8	110.6	434.4	717.9	283.5
391	Botswana	62.8	87.6	24.8	89.6	123.6	34.0	179.8	82.0	- 97.7
375	Comoros	5.7	27.6	21.9	4.7	25.3	20.6	5.1	18.6	13.5
395	Lesotho	20.2	28.9	8.7	40.5	18.9	- 21.6	30.6	14.0	- 16.6
370	Madagascar	346.2	248.4	- 97.8	365.8	261.3	- 104.5	295.3	225.4	- 69.9
386	Malawi	141.0	68.5	- 72.5	154.5	63.9	- 90.6	156.2	52.4	- 103.9
373	Mauritius	1 020.4	650.7	- 369.7	1 072.2	587.0	- 485.2	774.8	390.1	- 384.7
366	Mozambique	80.7	142.3	61.6	90.4	162.0	71.6	77.0	106.7	29.8
389	Namibia	370.1	137.8	- 232.4	290.6	129.2	- 161.4	230.3	131.7	- 98.6
355	Seychelles and dep.	17.3	52.1	34.8	27.5	61.0	33.5	47.1	61.4	14.3
393	Swaziland	127.2	28.5	- 98.6	141.4	24.3	- 117.1	112.6	15.0	- 97.6
382	Zimbabwe	638.9	370.9	- 268.0	723.7	424.4	- 299.3	608.0	336.1	- 271.8
	CENTRAL AND SOUTH AMERICA ⁽¹⁾	1 628.4	2 113.8	485.4	1 806.2	2 297.0	490.8	1 676.6	1 648.5	- 28.1
459	Antigua and Barbuda	8.9	67.2	58.2	9.2	84.9	75.8	35.9	132.7	96.8
453	Bahamas	231.9	522.6	290.7	244.5	808.3	563.8	211.1	197.6	- 13.6
469	Barbados	33.9	156.6	122.6	77.4	85.9	8.5	46.5	71.8	25.3
421	Belize	80.9	33.0	- 47.9	81.9	21.8	- 60.1	66.9	22.6	- 44.4
460	Dominica	21.6	28.2	6.6	25.7	21.8	- 3.9	26.6	16.7	- 10.0
456	Dominican Republic	223.2	341.3	118.2	227.5	392.6	165.0	188.0	368.4	180.4
473	Grenada	6.7	14.0	7.2	15.0	15.5	0.6	5.9	10.4	4.5
488	Guyana	146.0	72.5	- 73.5	174.7	86.3	- 88.4	115.8	57.7	- 58.1
452	Haiti	28.9	90.0	61.2	28.4	71.8	43.4	22.5	69.1	46.6
464	Jamaica	368.1	240.9	- 127.2	478.2	220.1	- 258.1	358.5	254.3	- 104.2
449	St Christopher & Nevis	10.7	14.6	3.9	8.8	12.9	4.1	13.5	12.3	- 1.2
465	St Lucia	58.9	96.5	37.6	64.8	35.3	- 29.5	37.5	27.2	- 10.3
467	St Vincent	44.6	80.2	35.5	44.6	34.3	- 10.3	79.2	40.5	- 38.7
492	Surinam	136.6	88.9	- 47.8	112.5	103.0	- 9.5	133.5	92.4	- 41.1
472	Trinidad and Tobago	227.4	267.3	39.9	213.1	302.3	89.2	335.2	275.1	- 60.1
	AUSTRALASIA, OCEANIA AND OTHER ⁽²⁾	560.1	96.7	- 463.4	506.8	124.8	- 382.1	374.5	88.8	- 285.7
815	Fiji	112.3	25.0	- 87.3	137.1	23.8	- 113.3	70.1	24.6	- 45.6
812	Kiribati	0.1	1.2	1.1	0.0	0.7	0.7	0.3	0.9	0.7
801	Papua New Guinea	405.5	52.3	- 353.2	334.4	78.3	- 256.0	265.3	49.1	- 216.2
806	Solomon Islands	32.9	3.1	- 29.8	25.2	4.6	- 20.6	21.5	2.1	- 19.3
817	Tonga	0.8	4.9	4.1	0.5	5.3	4.7	0.4	4.9	4.5
807	Tuvalu	0.1	0.6	0.5	0.9	0.7	- 0.2	0.2	0.5	0.3
816	Vanuatu	7.4	7.9	0.5	7.0	7.0	0.0	14.1	3.2	- 10.9
819	Western Samoa	1.0	1.7	0.7	1.7	4.4	2.7	2.7	3.4	0.7

⁽¹⁾ Caribbean ACP.

⁽²⁾ Pacific ACP.

IV. EU-ACP IMPORTS BY MAIN PRODUCTS

During the first nine months of 1997, EU imports from the ACP were mainly concentrated in the first eight imports, covering fifty percent of all imports from these countries. Imports of Crude Petroleum were the most important, covering 20.4% with a value of 3.4 Bn ECU. Between 1995 and 1996, Crude Petroleum registered an important increase in both value and quantity; however, in the next nine months of 1997, imports of this product showed a decrease heavier in quantity (-16.5%) than value (-5.1%) thus the price continued to increase. Non-industrial diamonds came next with an amount of 1.4 Bn ECU and an increase of 15% compared to the first nine months of 1996. After several decreases registered in the value of Coffee in the past years in the first nine months of 1997, it remained stable at 1.0 Bn ECU due to the increase in the price. Thus, placing it as the third most important product.

Between the first three quarters of 1996 and 1997, Cathodes of refined oxide recorded the most

dynamic growth (+137.6%) which was almost entirely due to a corresponding upsurge in quantity. Unrefined copper showed an increase in value due to a respectively increase in price. However, stripped tobacco and non-carded cotton registered important growth rates in value of around 50% each. Both products also displayed significant increases in quantity of 51.5% and 49.3% respectively. On the other hand, only the following items registered heavier decreases: Bars of refined copper dropped by 41.2%, followed by the falls of Unsorted Diamonds (-23.7%) and Cocoa beans (-22.5%).

It is outstanding that 97.6% of EU imports of Tropical wood came from the ACP in the first nine months of 1997. Also high shares registered in of Cocoa beans (91.9%) and Raw sugar cane (91.5%) were also imported from these countries, these products also recorded high shares in quantity. Lastly, 80.8% of Aluminium oxide came from the ACP during this period.

TABLE 5: EU-ACP imports by main products (CN)

ACP		1997 I - III		97/96 I - III % change		1997 I - III % share in			
						Total EU imports by products		EU imports from ACP	
						Value	Quantity	Value	Cumul.
CODES ⁽¹⁾	PRODUCTS	Value ⁽²⁾	Quantity ⁽³⁾	Value	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value	Value
270900	Crude petroleum	3 410,7	25 155,9	- 5,1	- 16,5	8,4	7,7	20,4	20,4
710231	Non ind.diamonds	1 423,5	0,0	15,0	-	31,3	-	8,5	28,9
090111	Coffee	1 014,4	470,1	0,0	- 13,0	23,3	28,0	6,1	35,0
180100	Cocoa beans	826,6	646,8	- 22,5	- 30,5	91,9	91,7	4,9	39,9
170111	Raw cane sugar	634,0	1 156,9	- 3,3	- 7,4	91,5	88,2	3,8	43,7
440721/2	Tropical wood, sawn	391,9	698,8	18,2	10,9	51,2	62,6	2,3	46,0
520100	Cotton, not carded	335,7	211,1	49,3	50,9	28,9	28,8	2,0	48,0
160414	Tunas, skipjack, bonito	333,2	109,8	17,3	5,3	56,8	51,8	2,0	50,0
240120	Tobacco, stripped	321,9	80,2	51,5	24,5	26,0	31,3	1,9	51,9
080300	Fresh bananas	312,0	504,1	- 7,6	- 14,7	23,3	21,2	1,9	53,8
440334/5	Tropical wood	309,6	1 055,0	6,3	5,1	97,6	99,3	1,8	55,6
710210	Diamonds unsorted	300,3	0,0	- 23,7	-	32,4	-	1,8	57,4
710812	Gold, unwrought	228,4	0,0	3,1	-	5,2	0,0	1,4	58,8
760110	Unwrought aluminium	224,7	152,4	27,5	18,0	9,4	9,1	1,3	60,1
281820	Aluminium oxide	218,8	1 212,1	3,3	- 2,5	80,8	92,2	1,3	61,4
260111	Non aggl. iron ores	171,1	8 084,5	10,3	- 0,7	10,2	10,7	1,0	62,4
090240	Black tea	134,1	80,6	5,0	- 16,6	45,2	47,8	0,8	63,2
440399	Other wood in the rough	67,4	288,9	9,4	18,5	13,8	4,0	0,4	63,6
440799	Other wood, sawn	62,3	110,4	- 8,8	- 10,0	11,2	10,8	0,4	64,0
740311	Cathodes ref. copper	61,3	30,0	137,6	119,0	2,3	2,4	0,4	64,4
740200	Unref. copper	25,7	7,9	53,0	- 4,8	7,5	4,9	0,2	64,6
740312	Bars ref.copper	1,0	0,5	- 41,2	- 44,4	3,0	3,1	0,0	64,6
740319	Ref. copper unwrought	0,2	0,1	-	-	0,2	0,3	0,0	64,6

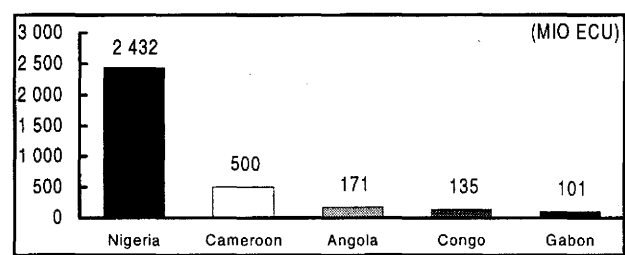
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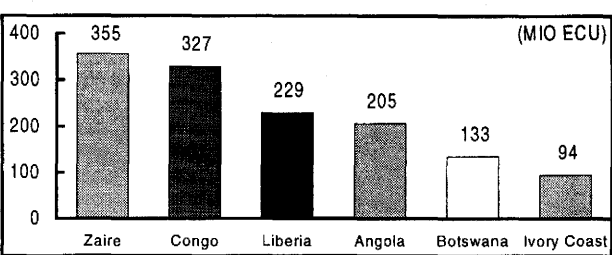
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V. EU IMPORTS FROM ACP JANUARY – SEPTEMBER 1997. A SELECTION OF THE 10 MOST IMPORTANT PRODUCTS BROKEN DOWN BY MAJOR SUPPLIERS

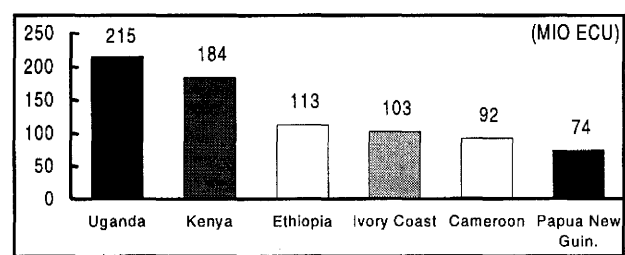
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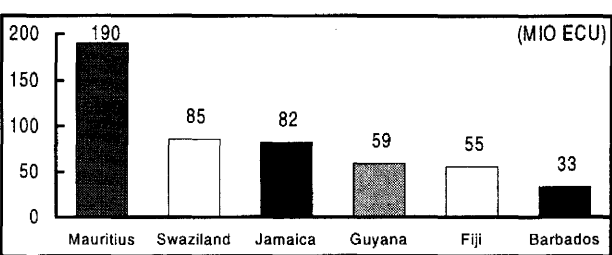
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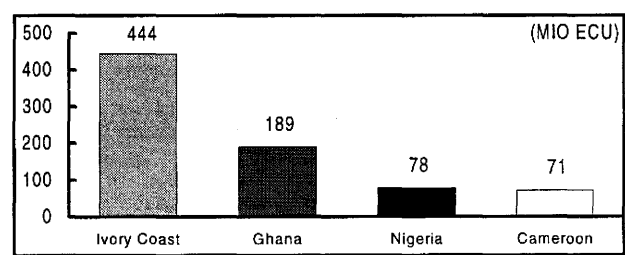
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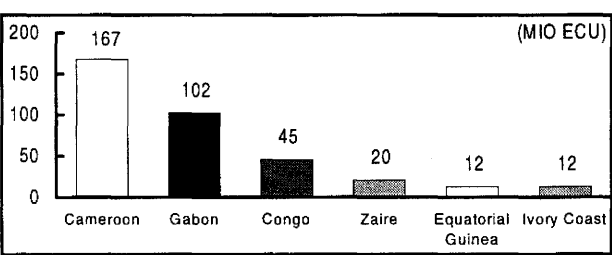
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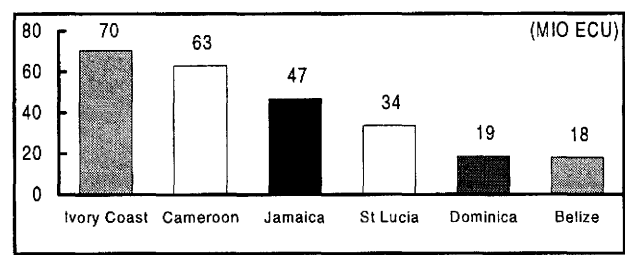
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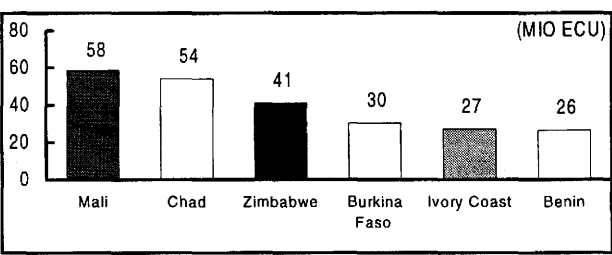
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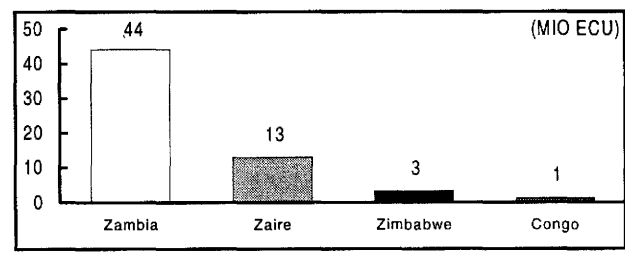
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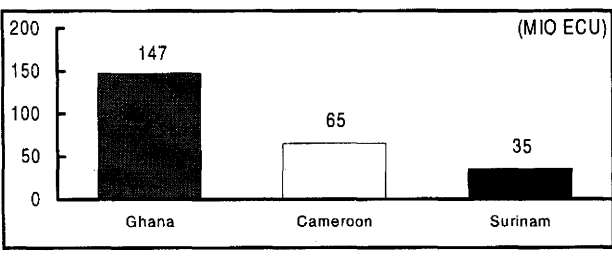
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Lomé Convention

The fourth ACP-EC Convention was signed on 15 December 1989. This Convention organises the relations between the EC and its fifteen Member States and the seventy-one African, Caribbean and Pacific States. The Convention includes a preferential non-reciprocal agreement covering trade in goods, establishment and operation of companies, current payments and capital movements. It mentions the long term aim of a progressive liberalization of trade and services.

The EU is currently preparing the negotiation of a new development partnership agreement with the ACP group.

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